

der, in order to be ready in case his suggestion as to the manner of carrying out the American relief work for the earthquake sufferers is accepted. Today selected a committee of Americans here, to which will be intrusted the work of carrying out his plans. Mr. Griscom himself will be president of the committee, and its other members will be George Page, treasurer; Nelson Gay, secretary; Samuel Parish, of New York; William Hooper, of Boston; and Lieutenant Reginald H. Bohn, naval attaché to the American embassy.

Mr. Griscom is provided with \$150,000 the committee will be able to charter a large steamer, equip it with nurses, doctors and supplies of all kinds and keep it running as a hospital and relief ship for two weeks between the stricken cities in the south and those points where refugees can be received and accommodated.

Italians who have heard of the plan of the American ambassador pronounce it most praiseworthy.

Count Taverina, president of the Italian Red Cross Society, to whom Ambassador Griscom presented \$70,000 from the American Red Cross, expressed the most grateful sentiment toward America for the aid it is sending.

TROOPS AT MESSINA

Rescue Work Greatly Augmented. Streets Patrolled Day and Night. CATANIA, January 3.—The system of rescue work in Messina has been greatly augmented by the arrival of troops, who are to be seen all over the ruined city, day and night. Bodies of them also are working in the ruins by day and until well into the night.

The movement of refugees from the near-by villages is daily increasing in volume. Of the victims buried under the ruins few have been reported alive. It is now clear that the enormous number of casualties in Messina were due to the suddenness with which the first shock came, giving but little time to the people to escape from their homes. The tidal wave was not so high as was at first reported, and had not been preceded by the earthquake. The damage done by fire also was comparatively insignificant.

The first earth shock last Monday morning literally threw down the city and almost all the streets were completely buried under the walls that had fallen, furniture and other debris practically cutting off every avenue of escape.

Then came the tidal wave to inundate the city, and the living and dying were caught in the streets and drowned or had their brains dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

Correspondent Inspects Ruins. Far greater havoc was wrought in Messina than was believed when the Associated Press correspondent first passed around the outskirts with Frank Perret, of Brooklyn, N. Y., assistant director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius.

During this tour a most careful examination was made of the American consulate. It is a complete ruin—nothing but a heap of crumbling and crushed stones, without semblance of its original shape. It is most doubtful if the rescuers will be able to recover the bodies buried beneath the debris for a few days, but every effort to do so will be made. The French and Turkish consulates also were razed completely, and it seems almost impossible that any of their inmates could have escaped.

Officials in Messina say that the original estimate of the fatalities in the city was probably not exaggerated. The lower part of the city is practically totally destroyed.

TELEGRAPHS FUNDS

American Red Cross Society Will Soon Have Supply Ship at Scene.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.—Baron Des Planches, ambassador from Italy, has received instructions from his government to express to President Roosevelt the sincere thanks of the government for the generous aid and sympathy extended by the President and the people of the United States to the Italian nation in the great calamity that has befallen it. The ambassador will call on the President and fully express these sentiments of gratitude.

Requiem mass for the victims of the earthquake will be held to-morrow morning by the Rev. Father Lyons, of St. Aloysius Catholic Church, in this city, and it will be attended by the Italian ambassador and members of the Italian embassy. Invitations to the mass have been issued to other embassies and legations in this city.

Response Is Gracious. In response to the suggestion of the Italian Red Cross Society that a vessel might be loaned to Canada with provisions and sent to the scene of the earthquake disaster, thus giving quick relief to the destitute, the American National Red Cross to-night cabled \$100,000, with the suggestion that it might be loaned to Italy, and the American Red Cross Society for the purpose of fitting out a ship with provisions and medical supplies. This amount is in addition to the \$100,000 and the \$70,000 previously sent by the American Red Cross.

Telegram received from the State Department from Consul Blum, at Palermo, to-day, was the first information that has come directly from Mr. Blum. It was sent from Palermo, Sicily, and besides confirming the previous information concerning the death of Mr. Clancy and his wife, it reiterates that Consul Lupton was unhurt, and adds that Lupton had sailed from Messina for a point unknown. A cable from Consul Crowninshield, from Naples, dated to-day, states that he is informed that Lupton is safe.

TIME IS PRECIOUS

Ambassador Griscom Cables Best Plan for Americans to Adopt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.—To assist the American people in their efforts to extend relief to the stricken Italian earthquake sufferers, Secretary Root has made a special telegram received to-day from Ambassador Griscom presenting the first feasible plan of meeting the present great emergency. There is no time to spare in awaiting the arrival on the scene of distress of battleships now in the Suez Canal or of naval supply ships crossing the Atlantic.

The need for help is imminent, and how that help can be rendered is told in the cablegram, dated at Rome, which follows: "I have to-day drawn on you for \$70,000 and paid equivalent to Italian Red Cross, in two sums—\$50,000 from American Red Cross and \$20,000 from Christian Herald. "I have to-day taken the president of the Italian Red Cross, who desires me

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to inform the American Red Cross as follows: "Problem of relief very vast. Includes feeding, clothing destitute on scene immediately, and quickly removing nearly the whole surviving population from the stricken district to other parts of Italy. Transportation involves special difficulties. Much money is needed, but if America desires to offer practical aid immediately, a ship could be chartered by telegraph at Marseilles or Genoa, and loaded with blankets, clothing, linen, preserved meats, condensed milk, medical supplies and similar useful materials. One or more such ships under the direction of the Italian Red Cross would be useful as transports. And at the same time could deposit stores where needed along the coast."

The Italian Red Cross has not yet clearly worked out how all the difficulties of relief are to be solved. Supplies are now needed in Sicily and Calabria, but in about two weeks, when the destitute have been removed, will be needed in Naples, Rome, Florence and other cities where the sufferers are being distributed.

"I will be personally glad to co-operate with our Red Cross to carry out any plan. There are many Americans in Rome anxious to assist in relief measures."

(Signed) "GRISCOM."

Two Americans Safe.

MALTA, January 3.—A wireless dispatch received here from Messina says that Walter Kennedy and Charles Williams, Americans, who, it was believed, had perished in the catastrophe at Messina, are safe at Taromina.

ITALIANS FRENZIED

Remarkable Demonstration in New York With Stomachs Collected. NEW YORK, January 3.—One of the most remarkable demonstrations of its kind ever seen in the East Side occurred to-day when Il Progresso, an Italian newspaper, took up a collection for the earthquake sufferers. As a dozen victrolas and one automobile windows prominent members of the Italian colony, passed through the streets, men and women went, tore their clothing from their bodies and threw what money they could spare to those waiting to receive it.

The victrolas were headed by an open wagon, in which had played patriotic airs. Behind trailed two express carts, on which clothing, bottles of wine, bundles of all descriptions and even medicines were loaded. The throngs were choked with Sicilians and Calabrians struggling to be the first to give. From windows prominent members of the Italian colony, passed through the streets, men and women went, tore their clothing from their bodies and threw what money they could spare to those waiting to receive it.

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Joachim was crowded to-night with a grief-stricken throng of worshippers. The parishioners are drawn largely from the southern part of Italy.

CAUSED A RIOT

Italians at Meeting Claimed That Money Was Misappropriated.

LYNN, MASS., January 3.—A mass-meeting of Italian citizens held in Lester's Hall to-night to raise funds for the earthquake sufferers ended in a riot.

The trouble was precipitated by a Socialist speaker, who charged that funds raised for sufferers by a previous earthquake had been misappropriated in Italy. Some of his hearers applauded, while others took noisy exception to these statements.

Some one grabbed the speaker and pulled him from the platform. This action was a signal for a general mêlée. The two factions, yelling loudly, came together in an attempt to push each other from the building just as the police arrived. The latter cleared the room, and the matter of raising contributions necessarily went over.

Considering His Message.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 3.—The text of the message which President Roosevelt will to-morrow submit to Congress on behalf of the earthquake sufferers in Italy was the subject of a conference to-night at the White House between the President, Secretary Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon. The earthquake situation generally was referred to at to-night's conference, and it was decided to amount that the National American Red Cross should cable to the Italian Red Cross for immediate filing of a relief fund of \$100,000, as had been considered earlier in the day. This amount was cabled to-night through Ambassador Griscom at Rome.

Lupton Escaped.

LEESBURG, VA., January 3.—Mr. Stuart Lupton, son of Rev. J. W. Lupton, formerly of Leesburg, who was vice-consul at Messina, Italy, fortunately escaped with his life in the destruction of that city by earthquake on Monday. A message from him reports that the structure in which he and his family were living was destroyed, and that he and his family were killed. The news came by way of Malta, from Consul Root and Assistant Secretary Bacon. The earthquake situation generally was referred to at to-night's conference, and it was decided to amount that the National American Red Cross should cable to the Italian Red Cross for immediate filing of a relief fund of \$100,000, as had been considered earlier in the day. This amount was cabled to-night through Ambassador Griscom at Rome.

MANY WILLS FILED

Report Shows 2,533 Were Admitted to Records in New York.

NEW YORK, January 3.—A summary of the work of the Surrogate's Court in the city of New York for the year ending December 31, 1908, was made public to-day. It shows that 2,533 wills were filed during the year; that 2,305 were admitted to probate; and that the balance of 228 were summarily set aside. The summary also sets forth a complete record of the mass of business transacted in the various branches of the court.

There were 2,275 letters testamentary granted. In the probate department alone 10,063 orders were administered. 155 will contests were heard during the year, and there were hearings on 845 will contests. There were fifteen will contests noticed for hearing after January 1, 1909.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Carolina—Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday; moderate to fresh south winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. Richmond's weather was clear and warmer. Thermometer at midnight, 42.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 5 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. Weather. Clouds.

WINNER AND DEFEATED OPPONENT



THEODORE E. BURTON.

Mr. Burton has been named by the Republican caucus to succeed Senator Joseph B. Foraker from Ohio.

CHARLES P. TAFT.

SOME ATTORNEYS UNPROFESSIONAL

Secretary Garfield Has Been Forced to Disbar Many of Them.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—The improved methods of administration instituted by Secretary Garfield, having for their purpose the simplification of business without any loss in accuracy or responsibility, have proven of great value, says the head of the Department of the Interior in his annual report made public to-day.

The report covers a wide field, dealing as it does with the work of the various bureaus embraced within its management, the Territories, national parks and reservations, District of Columbia, corporations, etc.

Attorneys Disbarred. Secretary Garfield called attention to certain unscrupulous and unprofessional acts upon the part of a number of attorneys practicing before the department, which resulted in their disbarment. Some of these have brought mandamus suits for a restoration of their names to the list of those entitled to practice. These cases are now pending, but "in the meantime," the secretary says, "attorneys will be notified, heard and disbarred in all cases where I am satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that their conduct as attorneys has been disreputable, fraudulent, illegal or unbecomingly unprofessional."

The recent patent office frauds, resulting in the confession of one defendant, the conviction of another and the acquittal of the third, are touched upon, and the statement is made that the public demand for the kind of action which has occurred in the 113 years of patent office history. The Commissioner of Patents, it is stated, has taken steps to provide additional safeguards around the filing of patent papers.

Conservation of Resources. Regarding the movement for the conservation of the natural resources of the country, Secretary Garfield says that it shows the people of the country have fully awakened to the vital necessity of caring for what is left of the public domain.

The pension roll, as usual, piled up an enormous death rate, 50,676 names having been removed on this account. Of these 34,333 were soldiers and sailors of the Civil War. During the entire year the total number of pensioners on the roll was 1,006,053.

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Mrs. Tiffany's New Shade Excites the Envy of All Partisans.

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CHURCH MEMBERS DID GOOD WORK

Congregation of Second Baptist Hears Reports from Various Church Officers.

The annual meeting of the membership of the Second Baptist Church was held in the lecture room yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The finance committee and the representatives of the various boards and officers of the societies of men and women were read. These reports show a most gratifying year's work, and the membership of the church was more than pleased with the results.

The church is in a flourishing condition, and has contributed during the past year to all of the mission and other enterprises of the denomination, the total sum raised for all purposes, as shown by the reports of the finance committee and the treasurer, being \$14,423.05. This does not include the special fund raised from the membership and pledged for the Greater Richmond College endowment fund.

The amount pledged for this purpose, as shown by the report of Governor Taylor Elyson, chairman of the committee, was \$2,210. This amount will probably be increased to \$10,000, and is payable in five years in annual installments.

MUST ELECT DEMOCRAT

Oregon's Republican Legislature Finds Itself in Peculiar Predicament.

PORTLAND, ORE., January 3.—The Oregon Legislature, about to assemble on January 15th, contemplates retiring from the governorship before his four-year term is finished, this decision being contingent on the ultimate selection of Jacob F. Gmelch as Lieutenant Governor. It is said to be Mr. Hadley's desire to have a place on the Federal bench.

The Lieutenant-governorship hangs on fewer than forty votes, and the Legislature must decide whether a Republican or a Democrat was elected last November.

In the senatorial situation there is an element of uncertainty owing to the fact that nine contests for State legislative seats have been filled by Republican candidates for places in the House. The Democrats now have a plurality of eight votes on the ballot, but the Republicans control the House, and if five Democrats are unelected Senators, it is said to be Mr. Hadley's desire to have a place on the Federal bench.

The balance of the total sum raised was paid to the various mission boards of the denomination, the orphanage and other enterprises of the State and Southern Baptists. The largest amount donated was to the foreign mission board, being \$1,230.

The reports of the church clerk show that during the year there have been thirty-seven additions to the church, the membership now being 245 men and 432 women.

The Sunday school books show an enrollment of 517, with a splendid average attendance. The roll has been greatly enlarged within the past few months, especially in the last three weeks.

The finance committee estimates the current expenses for the present year at \$6,125. This does not include the expected collections for mission purposes and for other church enterprises or for the sinking fund, which will doubtless aggregate \$10,000 more.

Officers and committees were elected to serve for the present year. The church clerk was elected Mr. J. H. Penrose, and the treasurer Mr. J. H. Penrose.

His Election by Pennsylvania's Legislature, However, Seems Certain. HARRISBURG, PA., January 3.—With two United States Senators to elect and much important legislation to consider, the coming session of the Pennsylvania Legislature promises to be one of unusual interest. The Republican party has a large working majority in both bodies.

There is apparently little doubt of the election of Boies Penrose, of Philadelphia, to succeed himself in the United States Senate, or of George T. Oliver, of Allegheny, to fill the unexpected term of Philander C. Knox, who will resign to become Secretary of State under President-Elect Taft. Penrose is opposed by anti-organization Republicans, whose candidate is State Treasurer Sheatz.

PHILANTHROPIST DEAD

Anson R. Flower Devoted His Personal Time to Many Charities.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., January 3.—Anson R. Flower, aged sixty-six, special partner of the firm of Flower & Company, bankers, of New York, died suddenly at his home in this city at noon to-day.

Mr. Flower was for years prominent in New York financial circles. He retired from active interest in the firm of Flower & Company at the death of his brother, the late Governor Roswell P. Flower, in 1896, and became a special partner thereafter, devoting his time to the properties and charities in which he was so largely interested. Mr. Flower's charitable activities included personal attention to the affairs of the New York Homeopathic Medical College and the Flower Hospital. He contributed large-

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ly toward building the Stony Ward Sanatorium for consumptives, the Watertown City Hospital and toward other charities.

ASTOR AN EDITOR

Starts in Position by Announcing His Views "At Home."

LONDON, January 3.—That society which has Bohemia enough to be in how touch with the Bohemia that is of Fleet Street is amused to learn that Waldorf Astor, Mr. John Maitland, to succeed Sir Douglas Straight, one of London's veteran editors. Young Astor knows nothing about journalism, even of the London variety, but London society thinks he is learning rapidly, because the Gazette came out with a moving column this week.

"The editor is at home to callers between 11:30 and 12:30 daily. London wonders what would happen to the new millionaire editor if some low person were rude enough to call at the office after 12:30 with a real live news item."

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

Illinois Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Enact It.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., January 3.—Legislative action on questions of vital importance to the State, not only now, but for years to come, is expected to come from the Illinois General Assembly, which will convene on Wednesday. The deep waterway project, which has claimed the attention of the people of the State for years, is one of the items which will be discussed in the message of Governor Dan. It is thought it concerns the expenditure of \$20,000,000, it is regarded in some circles as of little greater importance than the plan to place the State's charitable and penal institutions under a board of control, in place of the present State Board of Charities.

TO DISINTER BODY

Daughter Dreams That White Veil Is Choking Dead Mother.

NEWARK, N. J., January 3.—Led by dreams to fear that his wife had been buried alive, Gerardo Tramutola, of this city, went to the city clerk's office today and obtained a permit to disinter the body.

Mrs. Tramutola died on November 27th last, leaving directions that a black veil should be wrapped around her neck. Believing that a white veil would be more appropriate, the family substituted it.

Since then, Tramutola told the officials to-day, his daughters and other relatives dreamed they had met the dead woman, and she told them that the veil buried with her, being white instead of black, was choking her. The matter worked on the minds of the Tramutolas, who feared she might have been buried alive, that they applied for the permit. The body will be disinterred on Monday.

WEDS ON DEATHBED

Aged Man Draws His Will, and Then Expires a Widow.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 3.—Heinrich Gottlieb Mueller, seventy years old, and Dorothea Giv, were married last night by the Rev. G. A. Greene. The couple had been married for thirty years. Mueller has been a life-long Quaker. It is said that before the marriage license was sought Mueller called at the home of John Thompson, of Allegheny, and that his wife was drawn.

Mueller was stricken with pneumonia and is at the point of death, but as the matter of the Quaker ceremony was being performed, Mrs. Mueller, who was a widow, had been keeping her husband's name and his son. She is seventy years old.

CORBETT IS SINCERE

Says in Six Months Could Get in Good Condition.

DENVER, COL., January 3.—Apparently James J. Corbett is sincere in his announcement that he will retire from the contest for the governorship back to a white man, the world's heavyweight pugilistic championship won by Jack Johnson, of Galveston, who recently defeated Tommy Burns in Australia for the title.

Glavin, which to train properly for the contest, Corbett today said that he felt supremely confident he could defeat Johnson.

Corbett is now forty-two years old, but he appears to be in perfect physical condition. Since the fight of August 1, 1901, when Jeffries knocked him out in ten rounds, Corbett has had on a boxing glove only once.

"But I've always kept up my exercise," said Corbett to-day, "and physically I know I am in better condition than Jeffries or any of the others outside of these young fellows, who would not have a chance on earth with Johnson."

ROBBED THE SAFE

Fifteen Thousand Dollars Taken from "101 Ranch"—One Man Arrested.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, January 3.—Undue haste to purchase a ticket to Chicago and the nervousness displayed by E. B. Baker, who gave St. Louis his home, led to the arrest of the man early this morning and to the discovery that the safe aboard a train conveying the "101 Ranch" to Fort Worth had been blown open during last night and \$15,000 of the funds of the organization had been stolen.

When asked to explain as to the possession of \$750 in silver coin, which he carried in a leather satchel, the man, formerly an attaché of the circus, told of the robbery, declaring that he had made the mistake of leaving his home in the train, and that he was a member of the circus, who had been traveling with the circus for some days, awaiting a favorable moment to accomplish the robbery. This man was taken to the police station, and other arrests will probably follow.

CUT RATE BURIALS

Underwriters' War in Baltimore Brings Them Down \$20.

BALTIMORE, January 3.—Burial doesn't cost much in Baltimore now. As the result of an underwriters' war, burial is \$20 below the scheduled rate, and if the competition lasts much longer, trading stamps, and other tombstone may be thrown in. One shrewd undertaker has made such inroads on the business of the others that all have combined against the original price cut, and it is war to the death. To use the bargain counter language adopted by the funeral interests,